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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GARBA EXPECTS PARTICIPATE IN MALTA II

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1. I HAVE JUST COME FROM A MEETING WITH GARBA SOUGHT AT MY REQUEST FOR THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING NIGERIAN CONTRIBUTION TO PEACEKEEPING IN LEBANON AND SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF DENUCLEARIZATION OF AFRICA (SEE SEPTELS). AT THE OUTSET OF THE MEETING, HOWEVER, GARBA TOOK THE INITIATIVE TO DISCUSS HIS TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS TO ATTEND THE MALTA II SESSION IN DAR ES SALAAM BEGINNING APRIL 15. HE SAID HE WOULD LEAVE FROM LAGOS BY SPECIAL FMG AIRCRAFT AT 10:00 A.M. LAGOS TIME ON FRIDAY, THE 14TH, WITH ARRIVAL
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AT DAR EXPECTED AT 6:00 P.M. FRIDAY EVENING LOCAL TIME. I ASKED GARBA TO REFRESH MY MEMORY CONCERNING WHETHER OR NOT WE HAD AGREED IN OUR MEETINGS LAST WEEKEND WITH THE FRONTLINE THAT ACTUAL INVITATIONS WOULD BE ISSUED FOR THE MEETING. GARBA RECOLLECTED THAT THE US AND THE UK WOULD, IN FACT, ISSUE INVITATIONS. I REFERRED, I HOPE OBLIQUELY, TO A QUESTION HAVING BEEN RAISED 'IN MAPUTO OR LUSAKA' CON-

CERNING THE POSSIBILITY THAT NIGERIAN PARTICIPATION WOULD PRODUCE DEMANDS FROM OTHERS. GARBA MADE IT VERY CLEAR THAT, IN HIS VIEW, THE FRONTLINE REPRESENTATIVES IN LAGOS LAST WEEKEND SPOKE FOR ALL THE FRONTLINE IN ACCEPTING NIGERIA'S INCLUSION. I ASKED ABOUT NKOMO, GARBA SAID HIS NOSE WAS OUT OF JOINT BUT IT WAS IN MALTA II. HIS OWN FAULT FOR NOT GETTING HERE LAST WEEKEND, GARBA SAID HE FULLY INTENDED TO GO TO THE DAR ES SALAAM MEETING; HE 'CERTAINLY HOPED THERE WOULD BE NO DISAGREEMENTS OR UNPLEASANTNESS.'

2. COMMENT: GARBA WILL BE MORE THAN MERELY MIFFED IF NIGERIA IS OMITTED FROM INVITATIONS TO THE MEETING. I GATHER THE PROBLEM OF INCLUSION OF OTHERS MAY RELATE MORE TO THE ALL-PARTIES MEETING THAN TO MALTA II. IF THAT IS THE CASE, I URGE THAT WE CONSIDER THAT QUESTION SEPARATELY AND IN DUE COURSE. MEANWHILE, SOMEONE MUST IMMEDIATELY ASSURE GARBA THAT HE IS WELCOME IN DAR ES SALAAM

3. JUST RECEIVED DAR ES SALAAM 1583 CONCERNING TANGOV INVITATIONS. THIS IS HELPFUL.
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